

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:)	Confirmation No. 5724
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Daniel DUPRET <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 10/713,006)	Examiner: GUIDRY, Guy L.
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Filed: November 17, 2003)	

For: METHOD OF PREPARING POLYNUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS FOR USE IN
SHUFFLING, AND SHUFFLING OF SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
OF OCTOBER 26, 2006 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the final Office Action dated October 26, 2006 regarding the above-captioned application. This Amendment is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for reply; therefore, it is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that fees, including any extension of time fees, are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment.